

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC
Form 8-K
July 15, 2003

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 15, 2003

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Virginia
(State or other

jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-15321
(Commission File Number)

52-0845861
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

200 Commerce Street

Smithfield, Virginia 23430

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (757) 365-3000

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release, dated as of July 15, 2003, announcing that the Registrant has agreed to purchase the Farmland Foods business of Farmland Industries, Inc.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURES

Smithfield Foods, Inc. (the Registrant) hereby furnishes this report pursuant to Item 9 of Form 8-K:

On July 15, 2003, the Registrant issued a press release announcing that the Registrant has agreed to purchase substantially all of the assets, and certain liabilities, of Farmland's pork production and processing business. The information contained in the press release, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report, is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Daniel G. Stevens

(Signature)

Daniel G. Stevens

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: July 15, 2003